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# Managing the Lord's Resources

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**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
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**Suggested icebreaker:**

Ask each GG member to share with the group some of their practices in managing finances. Some people may have different views than others. Remind each one to respect others' views.

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested song:**

[Be Thou My Vision](#)

# **WORD & WALK:**

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### **LESSON AIM**

1. GG members will be reminded that God is the true owner of all things.
2. GG members will aim to be rich in God's sight, not in man's sight.
3. GG members will strive to focus on God's kingdom and trust that he will provide for their needs.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Many people have the wrong notion that they own their possessions. The Bible teaches us that everything belongs to God. The things we have are God's, and we are merely managing them for him (Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 10:14; Job 41:11; 1 Corinthians 4:7). Since God is the rightful owner of our possessions, how we handle them is important to him (Luke 18:22-23; 19:8-9).

### **Jesus compared earthly and heavenly treasure (vv. 19-24)**

Jesus taught that heavenly treasures are more valuable than earthly treasures. His followers should, therefore, store up for themselves heavenly treasures.

1. What are the different ways Jesus contrasted earthly treasure with heavenly treasure?
2. What is the connection between one's treasure and one's heart?
3. What should a Christian's mindset be regarding earthly treasure? (Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:17-18)
4. What are some ways we can store up heavenly treasures? (Matthew 19:21; Luke 12:33)

### **Application**

How can you keep yourself focused on heavenly riches and avoid being distracted by earthly riches?

### **Jesus cautioned against worrying about material possessions (vv. 25-34)**

Because we need material and financial resources to survive in this world, some people start to worry when they feel their resources draining away. Jesus, therefore, taught that his followers should shift their focus from material resources to their source - their heavenly Father.

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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1. What should believers not worry about? What reasons did Jesus give behind this?
2. What illustrations did Jesus use to drive his point?
3. According to Jesus, can one benefit from anxiety? Yet why do you think people continue to worry?
4. What should Christ's followers do instead of worrying about their material possessions? What explanation did Jesus give for this?

### Application

Believers don't have to worry about their material possessions because they have a heavenly Father who knows their needs better than they do. What can you do to avoid worrying, or what can you do when you catch yourself worrying?

### CONCLUSION

God is not calling us to abandon our material possessions; rather, we are to manage them to bless others and earn heavenly treasure. Here are some practical ways to do so.

- Work hard to please God (Colossians 3:23).
- Praise God for his blessings (Psalm 103:1-5).
- Focus on God's kingdom agenda (Matthew 6:33).
- Save some resources for the future (Proverbs 6:6-8).
- Be content with what you have (1 Timothy 6:6-10).
- Be wise in investing your resources (Proverbs 13:11).
- Use your resources to bless others (2 Corinthians 9:8).
- Enjoy the resources God has given you (1 Timothy 6:17).

### PRAYER ITEM

Father God, I praise you for your faithfulness in providing our daily bread. Thank you for loving us and taking care of us and our needs. Teach me to put my focus on you and your kingdom over the things of this world. When you bless me beyond my needs, may I bless others with my excess. When I start to worry about my lack of resources, may you refocus my attention on you and grant me faith to trust you. Guide me so that I manage your resources well as a faithful servant should. All this I pray in Christ's name. Amen. ■



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